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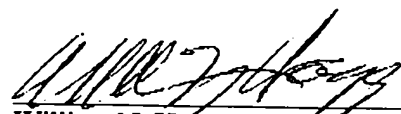
Applicants are amending the subject application to assert a claim that it is also a continuation in part of U.S. Patent No. 5,876,842, issued March 2, 1999, to Duffy et al, assignors to International Business Machines Corporation, which is a continuation of abandoned application Serial No. 486,222. This is proper since the issued patent and the subject application contain Mr. Voya R. Markovich as a common inventor, and inasmuch as the application was copending, since the effective filing date of this application, based on the filing date of the parent application, is December 2, 1998.

In view of the foregoing amendment, the rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Duffy Patent No. 5,876,842 is now moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claims 19 and 20. An early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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